

VICTOR VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
RESOLUTION NO. 23-03

Black History Month

February 14, 2023

ON MOTION of Member Trustee Wood, seconded by Member Trustee Tarpley, the following resolution is hereby adopted.

WHEREAS, in 1776, the Declaration of Independence recognized the United States of America as a new nation dedicated to the proposition that “all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their creator with certain unalienable rights, that among those are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness” ; and

WHEREAS, in 1863, President Abraham Lincoln, in reference to the Declaration of Independence, stated, “Four score and seven years ago, our fathers brought forth on this continent, a new nation, conceived in Liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal” ; and

WHEREAS, Black History Month, celebrated in February, dates back to 1926 when Carter G. Woodson set aside a special period of time in February to recognize the heritage and achievement of black Americans; and

WHEREAS, the contributions of African-American citizens as scientists, inventors, legislators, educators, explorers, military leaders, and countless other professions have greatly benefited our nations; and

WHEREAS, Black History Month is an opportunity for all Americans to commemorate the struggles and victories of African Americans in our history, their invaluable contributions to society, and their unyielding dedication to the overall protection and defense of our nation in matters of both war and peace.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Victor Valley Community College District recognizes Black History Month, encourages all citizens to explore the rich and significant heritage of the African American community, and honors the vital role of African Americans in the economy, culture, and community throughout the District and the United States.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Governing Board on February 14, 2023.

Dennis Henderson, Board President

Date

Sharon Pinkerton, Board Clerk

Date